

Abstract

An endarterectomy surgical instrument and method. The instrument has a shaft having proximal and distal ends, with a head coupled to the distal end of the shaft and a handle coupled to the proximal end. The head has an endoscope port and at least one fluid port while the handle has a gas supply port and a flow valve for metering flow of gas between the gas supply port and the at least one fluid port on the head as well as a latch for retaining the head of an endoscope. Gas may be conveyed from the handle to the head in a lumen separate from that containing the endoscope.

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